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In re Patent Application of:
Treacy et al

Application No.: 09/899,448

Group Art Unit: 3738

Filed: July 5, 2001

Examiner: J. G. Blanco

For : PELVIC PROSTHESIS PLUS METHODS
AND TOOLS FOR IMPLANTATION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2003, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-16, drawn to a pelvis prosthesis;
- II. Claims 17-25, drawn to a trial component;
- III. Claims 26-28, drawn to a method for implanting a pelvic prosthesis.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-16. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims. It is respectfully submitted that prosecution

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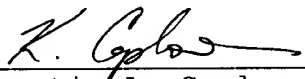
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on the merits with respect to claims 1-16 should now be permitted to proceed.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefore.

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